

In the Specification:

Pages 6-7, replace the paragraph bridging these pages, page 6, lines 5-19,
page 7, lines 1-4, with a new paragraph as follows:

-- A tool holder 1 according to the present invention, which is shown in Fig. 1 and which is designed for mounting an annular core bit 2, has an end side cylindrical splined profile 3 and a bit-side axial stop surface 4. The outer splined profile 3 has an outer thread 5, *e.g.*, a 1 1/4" UNC thread, which forms radial spline projections of the splined profile 3. The outer thread dimension A and the dimension I of the inner grooves of the splined profile 3 define radial guide dimensions which extend over an axial guide length X that is greater than the radial guide dimension defined by the outer thread dimension A. The splined profile 3 is formed with six equidistantly circumferentially spaced axial grooves 7 having the same circumferential width. The tool holder 1 also has a machine-tool-side or power tool-side, further simply tool-side, axial stop surface 8 axially spaced from the bit-side axial stop surface 4. On a tool-side of the tool holder 1, there is provided, a sleeve 9 having an inner thread. The sleeve 9 surrounds the tool-side axial stop surface 8 in the region of the inner thread in a spaced relationship thereto. The inner thread of the sleeve 9 cooperates with an outer thread ~~12~~ 10 of the annular core bit 2 for securing the

bit 2 on the tool holder 1. The tool holder 1 has an outer conical surface 11 extending axially from the bit-side stop surface 4 in the tool direction. The conical surface 11 is limited by the tool-side stop surface 8 and the bit-side axial stop surface 4. --.